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NOTES AND NEWS

FEDERATION OF THE PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATIONS

At their last sessions both the American Philosophical Association and the Western Philosophical Association appointed committees having for their purpose the formulation of some plan of closer cooperation between these two societies, with which it was hoped that the Southern Philosophical Association would join. The committee of the Western Philosophical Association was instructed to draw up a plan of federation to be presented to the American Association for consideration at its ensuing meeting. It is advantageous, in the eyes of the committee, that this plan, even in a provisional form, be published in advance of the approaching session in order that the members of the association may give it preliminary consideration.

The object of the Western Association is, of course, primarily to find some form of workable organization for an association strong enough to maintain itself without weakening the work of the sectional groups. Their desire is that philosophy have in America a public unity of organization proportionate to the opportunities for influence that are opening out. Their plan is, of course, open to amendment, and indeed on certain points the committee is so doubtful as to deem it wise to make alternative suggestions. Following is their resolution and plan, perhaps not in all details as it will be finally submitted, but as essentially agreed upon.

Resolution and Plan of Federation to be presented by the Western Philosophical Association to the American Philosophical Association, December, 1918.

In the interests of the advancement of philosophy in America, both as an educational discipline and as a social force, the time is suitable for the formation of a federation of all the societies devoted to its cultivation. Such a federation should have for its objects: (a) The advancement of philosophical learning through the closer cooperation of its professional teachers and students, as by means of congresses, special publications, councils and the like. (b) The encouragement of philosophical activities amid the general public, especially by emphasis upon the social, political and religious bearings of

philosophical thought. (c) The closer union of philosophy with the other sciences, if possible by means of a periodic congress in which should join representatives of all the branches of learning for the discussion of their common problems and related programmes.

For the formation of such a federation, continent-wide in its scope, the following Articles are offered, to become effective upon their adoption by the American Philosophical Association and the Western Philosophical Association of the United States, as now (1918) existing; it being understood that the Southern Philosophical Association is invited to join with these. Upon the adoption of these Articles (or these Articles amended) by the first-named societies, the federation shall be regarded as formed. Its provisional officers shall be the officers of the federating associations, who shall organize themselves into a committee under the chairmanship of the president of the association which is first to adopt the plan of federation. It shall be the duty of these officers to summon the first federal meeting, or congress, not later than eighteen months after the formation of the federation.

Articles of Organization

ARTICLE I. The name of the federation of the Philosophical Associations of North America shall be "The American Philosophical Association."

ARTICLE II. The federation shall comprise the Eastern Philosophical Association (hitherto known as the "American"), the Mid-western Philosophical Association (hitherto known as the "Western"), and such other American societies as shall be duly admitted thereto.

Note.—Invitation is hereby extended to the Southern Philosophical Association to join the federation; while, at the earliest opportunity, the officers of the federation are expected to encourage the formation of subsidiary societies, especially, a Northern (or Canadian), a Western (or Pacific Coast), and a Middle American (or Mexican-Antillean) Association.

ARTICLE III. The regular members of the federal association shall be the regular (but not the associate) members of the federated associations. There shall be an associate, or subscribing, membership to the federal association, to be filled by nomination and election by the regular membership. Associate, or subscribing, members, shall have all the privileges of membership in the federal association, excepting that they shall have no right to vote in the transactions.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of the federal association shall be president, first and second vice-presidents, and secretary-treasurer [or, secretary and treasurer]. Their term of office shall be from the meet-

ing of the association at which they are elected to the next ensuing regular meeting. They shall be elected by a majority vote of a quorum of the regular members; and the regular members present at any such meeting shall be regarded as constituting a quorum of the association membership.

ARTICLE V. The council of the federal association shall consist of its officers and of the executive officers (not more than two in each case) of the federated associations. [Or, the council of the federal association shall consist of not less than six or more than twelve members, each federation to be represented by an equal number of councillors, to be elected at their regular meetings.] It shall be the duties of the council to fix the time and place of all meetings, to arrange for and supervise programmes, to superintend the issuance of publications, and to advise the executive officers in all matters of business or policy coming up in the intervals between regular meetings.

ARTICLE VI. The regular meetings of the federal association shall be biennial. The time and place of such meetings shall be fixed by the council, as per Article V.

ARTICLE VII. The biennial dues of each member of the federal association shall be five dollars. In the case of regular members, two dollars [equivalent to the present regular annual fee] shall be retained in the treasuries of the federated associations to which the members belong, and three dollars shall pass to the treasury of the federal association. In the case of associate, or subscribing, members, the total amount shall pass to the treasury of the federal association.

Note.—This Article is regarded doubtfully by some members of the committee, on account of the amount of the fee. It seems certain, however, that publication of the Proceedings of the biennial meetings can not be if the fee is lowered (and the Proceedings ought to be worth the price). Associate membership in the federated associations could provide for those who do not care to become members of the federal association.

ARTICLE VIII. The Proceedings of each biennial regular meeting of the association shall be printed in the form of a volume, a copy of which shall be sent to each regular and associate member whose dues are fully paid.

Note.—It has been suggested that the federal association undertake the publication of a philosophical journal, subscription to which could be included in the membership fee; or that it make arrangements with some journal at present published in America, which should become its official organ. Possibly, the association could advance the interests of all or a number of these journals by offering its members a clubbing rate, assuming certain financial obligations

toward them, and in return receiving elective editorial representation on their staffs.

ARTICLE IX. The council of the federal association shall encourage joint meetings of the American Philosophical Association and other societies devoted to the advancement of learning.

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IN view of the changed conditions after the armistice, the Council of the AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION decided to reconsider the postponement of the annual meeting. It has now been definitely planned to have a brief and rather informal meeting upon war topics on December 27 and 28, at Baltimore. A detailed announcement will be sent to members shortly.

Science for November 29th contains the programme in detail of the meeting of the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE, to be held in Baltimore from December 23d to 28th, 1918.

THAT journal informs us also that "Professor ROSWELL P. ANGLIER, of Yale University, is a captain in the Sanitary Corps, National Army, at the Hazelhurst Field Medical Research Laboratory, Mineola, L. I. He has been engaged in research work on psychological tests for aviators and in instructing other psychologists to give, at other aviation fields of the country, tests already devised."